

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 2, lines 12-15, with the following amended paragraph:

For example, Translated National Publication of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-505097 discloses an implant material which is formed from a matrix material (a base body) on which BMP per se or DNA coding for BMP are carried (held).

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 13, lines 14-16, with the following amended paragraph:

Such BMP cDNAs can be obtained by the methods described in, for example, Translated National Publications of Japanese Patent Applications Nos. Hei 2-500241, Hei 3-503649, and Hei 3-505098.